



A note from Mrs Beardsley

Our children continue to be inspired by the many exciting and engaging learning opportunities on offer, and this week has been particularly popular! From KS1 pupils designing their own creative backdrops in preparation for next week's coding activities, to EYFS children captivated by watching ducklings hatch, there has been a real buzz of enthusiasm and discovery across the school.



Our curriculum not only supports a strong academic start but also develops a great love of learning which ensures children thrive during their early years and throughout their school life. We regularly share our children's experiences on Facebook and Instagram. Please join us on these sites by following the links below to find out more.

Class Photos

You should have received your child's class photo proofs this week. Please ensure you place your order online before **9.00am Tuesday 2nd June**.



www.academyphotos.co.uk/online-ordering

Supporting your child to manage their emotions

Having a wide range of emotions is a healthy part of life. As children grow and develop, they may struggle to manage 'big' emotions. In school we use 'Emotion Coaching' alongside 'Zones of regulation' as key approaches to support children to recognise their emotions, manage their feelings and support their regulation.

These approaches can support when children are finding managing feelings such as anxiety, frustration and anger. For more information please visit:

[William Lilley Infant and Nursery School - Behaviour and Safety](#)

Jumpers/Cardigans

There are a number of school jumpers and cardigans in the lost property bucket in KS1 cloakroom without names.

If you think one of these might be your child's please look out for the bucket in the school playground next Friday 22nd afternoon for parents to reclaim lost uniform. Thank you.

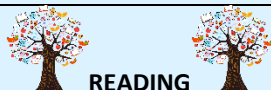


Mighty monster soft play centre Halls Rd Stapleford are hosting a meet

and greet date for new reception 2026 intake (Saturday 20th June 12-2pm)

Special offer

50% off softplay after-school during term time (Mon Thurs and Friday!) 3-5pm.



READING

Our library in school is used by all children. It has lots of new non-fiction books, big books and a wide range of modern, high-quality fiction from all cultures. Key Stage One pupils select their own **READING FOR PLEASURE** books (marked with a black sticker) from our library and classes like to spend time using our super library resources.

School payments

As we near the end of the first half of the Summer Term, we politely request that all monies due on your child's account are settled by **Friday 22 May**. Should you require any support in order to be able to do so, please contact the School Office.

We can advise on current balances, potential charges yet to be incurred and payment plans. Please be aware that outstanding amounts from this half term may result in our provision having to be restricted on an individual basis.



Our current whole school attendance percentage is 95.5%. We are incredibly **PROUD** to be a school full of Attendance Heroes! We have 73 pupils who have 100% attendance for the whole year!



What a fabulous time we had had our Great Garden Party. The children enjoyed going on a mini beast hunt. Planting seeds we can't wait to see them grow.

Look out after half term where we will be holding theme nights throughout the week including sports, science baking and construction to name a few.

Bookings for after half term are now available via the school money app.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Tuesday 19th May	Navigating Neurodiversity	13.30-15.00	All parents welcome –
Every Thursday	Reading morning	8.35-8.45	Busy Bees, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 19th May	Stay & Play	9.00-10.00	Lovely Ladybirds
Wednesday 20th May	Stay & Play	9.00-10.00	Brilliant Butterflies
Monday 22nd June-Friday 26th June	Science Week	All Week	Whole School
Wednesday 1st July	Ark Farm	All day	Busy Bees & Creative Caterpillars
Wednesday 8th July	Manor Farm	All day	Ladybirds & Butterflies
Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July	Y2 Residential		Year 2
Monday 13th- 17th July	Sports week	All week	Whole school
Wednesday 15th July	Pottered sports	10.00am & 13.30 (details to follow)	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 16th July	Sports Day	13.15	Flamingos Kingfishers Puffins
Monday 20th July	Culture Day	All Day	Whole school

Half Term Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May

Year Group News

Early Years Foundation Stage (2 Year olds, F1 and F2)



This week has been full of excitement as we welcomed our ducklings into school! The children have loved observing the ducks closely and learning all about how they grow and develop. They have been busy drawing observational pictures, writing diaries about the ducklings, and learning and recording facts about them. The children have also enjoyed carefully holding and handling the ducks, showing kindness and care towards them. Alongside this, we were very excited to see that our caterpillars have now gone into their cocoons, and we are looking forward to watching the next stage of their life cycle.

Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies

In Talk for Writing, we have been learning all about the life cycle of a duck. The children have enjoyed discussing and sequencing the different stages and using key vocabulary linked to our topic. We have been learning about non-fiction texts, thinking about how to use a contents page and understanding that we don't need to read a non-fiction text in order like a story as it is offering us information that does not need to be in order. We have created a fact file about ducks that you can see hanging above the duck cage.

In Maths, we have been focusing on number formation and continuing to develop our understanding of subtraction through practical activities and games. The children have been using resources to help them take away amounts and solve simple subtraction problems confidently.

We look forward to being able to share some of our learning, alongside letting you observe a phonics lesson, at the stay and play sessions next week. Lovely Ladybirds 9-10am on Tuesday and Brilliant Butterflies 9-10am on Wednesday.

Busy bees blue and yellow

In talk for writing, we have continued to look at the very hungry caterpillar story. It has been brilliant being able to see the life cycle from the story happen in real time with our caterpillars and we are excited to see them turn into butterflies soon!

The children have been amazing at their phonics this week, taking to the Read Write Inc scheme like ducks to water!

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our stay and play sessions it has been great to share our learning with you.

Creative Caterpillars

It has been amazing to see how gentle our 2 year olds have been when handling the ducklings this week and watching their faces of pure awe and wonder when they see them.

The children have been exploring the rotation schema this week. They have been singing 'round and round the garden' and have created some fantastic art work using salad spinners.

Reading morning

It has been great to see so many of you join us for reading mornings each Thursday. Just a reminder that the doors open at 8.35am for you to enjoy 10 minutes of quality reading time with your child.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have had a great week in KS1!

Next week is the final week before half term and we will be continuing our learning after Mental Health Week this week. We will be learning about mental and physical health and what we can do to look after our own mental health.



During English lessons, the children will be using our knowledge of pirates to write a non-fiction report. They will recap the feature of a non-chronological report including; sentence openers, facts, rhetorical questions and subheadings.

In maths, year ones will be continuing their work using coins to create different amounts. They will use their knowledge of counting in multiples to do this. Year two will be problem solving using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.





Life Education
East Midlands
Helping children make healthy choices

Family Learning



Navigating Neurodiversity

A free, four week course to help you understand neurodiversity and to find strategies to help your child.

William Lilly
Infant and
Nursery
Tuesday
afternoons,
1.30-3.00pm
28th April, 5th
May, 12th May,
19th May

Home learning activities provided to help you understand your child's individual needs.

Learn strategies to help your child manage their emotions and sensory needs,

Meet other people in a similar position and share strategies and ideas.



★ All parents, carers and family members welcome

★ Refreshments provided

You will discover:
What neurodiversity means and aspects of different types of neurodivergence.
The difference between sensory seeking and sensory avoidance.
How to help your child when they feel 'big' emotions.

An approved delivery partner of Community & Family Learning



This course is funded by Nottingham City Council's Community & Family Learning Service With Funding From East Midlands Combined County Authority.



Stapleford
Parish
ST. HELEN'S ST. LUKE'S
& MONTROSE COURT
Charity Number: 1131777

ST HELEN'S COMMUNITY DAY

Games, food, stalls and family fun

Saturday 16 May
10:30am – 4:00pm

A fun-filled day for all ages at St Helen's Church,
Stapleford

-  Tabletop stalls
-  Delicious food
-  Family games
-  Blue light organisations
-  Young people's groups
-  Schools poetry competition

Celebrating community, creativity and connection

Come along and be part of it
Everyone welcome

